
Christopher Knight

Christopher is a well-established junior with a broad public law practice and a particular specialism in media and privacy law and in Brexit-related matters. He has appeared in the most significant constitutional law cases of the last few years, including the Article 50 Brexit case, the first Scottish devolution reference and the challenge to the prorogation of Parliament. He has acted as sole advocate before the High Court, Court of Appeal and the Court of Justice of the EU. He is a leading expert in information and data protection law. Christopher is also a highly regarded academic writer, publishing widely in journals and is the co-author of the leading textbook Bradley, Ewing & Knight on *Constitutional and Administrative Law* (2018, Pearson). He is also an editor of the *White Book* and a member of the Editorial Committee of *Public Law*.

Christopher is a member of the Attorney General's Panel of Counsel and is ranked as a leading junior in Administrative & Public Law and in Data Protection by both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500. The directories describe him as "utterly first class" (Legal 500, 2020).

Recommendations

Christopher is ranked in Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 for Administrative & Public Law and for Data Protection (Band 1), and in European Union Law by Legal 500.

"He mixes it with senior silks and comes out on top" (Legal 500, 2020)

"He has a completely stellar practice, doesn't take bad points, and is one of the best public lawyers I know" (C&P, 2020)

"A talented advocate who very much has the ear of the court" (C&P, 2020)

"His advice is delivered swiftly and is unfailingly practical, pragmatic and concise" (Legal 500, 2020)

"He works extremely well as part of a team, and he's always available; he's really the full package" (C&P, 2020)

"One of the standout public law juniors. He knows everything, can explain it very simply, is incredibly cost and time effective, and is someone who clients have total faith in." (C&P, 2019)

"A go-to junior for data protection advice. He has an incredible ability to bring the subject matter to life and is extremely user friendly" (Legal 500, 2019)

"He is excellent, client friendly and has a great sense of humour." (Legal 500, 2019)

"He is extraordinarily clever, thorough, efficient and enjoyable to work with. He is a safe pair of hands" (C&P, 2018)

Specialisms

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Professional Summary

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Christopher is a specialist public lawyer who regularly advises and appears on behalf of claimants, private companies and public authorities of different kinds. He has appeared in the most significant constitutional law cases of recent times, as well as many other high-profile matters. He has published widely on the area in the leading journals and co-authors one of the leading textbooks. He is a recommended junior in both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500.

Examples of his work in this field include:

- **R (Liberty) v Prime Minister** – litigation concerning the meaning of and compliance with the European Union (Withdrawal) (No.2) Act 2019 ('the Benn Act')
- **R (Miller) (No.2) v Prime Minister** – unprecedented challenge to the prorogation of Parliament, heard by 11 Justices of the Supreme Court
- **R (3Million Ltd & Open Rights Group) v Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport** – judicial review challenging the compatibility with EU law of the immigration exemption in Schedule 2 to the Data Protection Act 2018
- **R (ASK) v Secretary of State for the Home Department & NHS England** – the provision of mental health care in immigration removal centres
- **R (P, G & W) v Secretary of State for the Home Department** – Supreme Court appeal concerning the compatibility of the criminal record disclosure scheme with Article 8 ECHR
- **Re the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill** – first reference to the Supreme Court made under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998, concerning legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament to legislate for the retention of EU law after Brexit
- **R (EU Lotto) v Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport** – Article 56 TFEU challenge to regulations prohibiting betting on the Euromillions lottery draw
- **R (MP) v Secretary of State for Health** – judicial review of regulations imposing upfront charging for use of the NHS
- **R (Aire Centre) v Secretary of State for the Home Department & Metropolitan Police Commissioner** – challenge to Operation Nexus as contrary to the Citizens Directive and in breach of police powers
- **Hudson Contract Services Ltd v Construction Industry Training Board** – industrial levy appeal raising various points of statutory construction and worth £8 million
- **R (AR) v Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police & Secretary of State for the Home Department** – Supreme Court appeal concerning disclosures of acquittal information in enhanced criminal records certificate
- **R (QSA) v Secretary of State for the Home Department** – challenge to the disclosure of historic convictions for prostitution offences as contrary to Article 8, a breach of trafficking obligations and as gender discrimination
- **R (LG) v Independent Monitor** – an Article 8 challenge to the disclosure of a nurse's acquittal for theft from a patient on an enhanced criminal records check
- **R (R) v National Police Chiefs' Council & Secretary of State for Justice** – judicial review of the exception to the protections of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act when applying to become a police constable
- **R (Bucpapa) v Secretary of State for Justice** – a challenge to a refusal to repatriate a prisoner back to Albania
- **R (Crompton) v South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner** – a challenge to the dismissal of the chief constable by the PCC following the Hillsborough Inquests

- **R (Miller & Dos Santos) v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union** – the Article 50 Brexit litigation about the power to withdraw from the EU before 11 Justices of the Supreme Court
- **R (National Aids Trust) v NHS England** – Court of Appeal decision on the powers of NHS England to fund HIV drugs and the boundary of public health
- **R (Justice for Health Ltd) v Secretary of State for Health** – judicial review by junior doctors of a purported imposition of the new contract following strike action
- **Magyar Helsinki Bizottság v Hungary** – Grand Chamber decision finding, for the first time, a partial right of access to information within Article 10 ECHR
- **R (London Criminal Courts Solicitors Association) v Lord Chancellor** – judicial review challenge to the new criminal legal aid tender process
- **Kennedy v Charity Commission** – Supreme Court decision finding a common law right of access to information, but rejecting a right under Article 10 ECHR
- **Noon v Matthews** – appeal by way of case stated by the Conservators of the River Cam concerning the power of delegation of prosecutorial decision-making

Media & Privacy

Christopher is an experienced practitioner in media and privacy work, with a particular specialism in data protection and data privacy cases. He has experience of misuse of private information claims, breach of confidence cases, breaches of Article 8 ECHR and urgent injunctive relief claims. He is a leading specialist in the Data Protection Acts, working with individuals, private companies and public authorities, and regularly advises on some of the most sensitive and difficult policy areas. He is a Band 1 recommended junior in both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500. He is a regular contributor on the area on 11KBW's leading Panopticon blog.

Examples of his work in this field include:

- **R (3Million Ltd & Open Rights Group) v Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport** – judicial review challenging the compatibility with EU law of the immigration exemption in Schedule 2 to the Data Protection Act 2018
- **Case C-687/18 Stunt v Associated Newspapers** – intervening for the UK in a reference challenging the compatibility with Charter rights of the automatic stay mechanism in journalistic processing cases
- **BBC v Independent Office for Police Conduct** – first appeal against an Information Notice served by the IOPC, against the BBC, raising Article 10 issues
- **Case C-311/18 Schrems II** – intervening for the UK in an important reference about compliance of standard contractual clauses with the EU Charter in the context of international data transfers
- **Case C-136/17 GC v CNIL** – intervening for the UK in an important reference about the right to be forgotten
- **R (AK) v Information Commissioner** – judicial review of the Commissioner rejecting a 'right to be forgotten' complaint
- **Ittihadieh v 5-11 Cheyne Gardens RTM Co / Deer v University of Oxford** – leading Court of Appeal judgment on a number of different elements of data protection law, including personal data, search obligations and the grant of relief

- **Holyoake v Candy & CPC** – a significant data protection case on the application of the legal professional privilege exemption in relation to private investigators, and the scope of the iniquity exception to privilege
- **Bangura v Loughborough University Authority** – provision of personal data by a University to the police in the course of a police investigation
- **Lin v Metropolitan Police Commissioner** – high-profile subject access request case concerning individuals accused of murdering British tourists in Thailand and facing the death penalty
- **Kololo v Metropolitan Police Commissioner** – consideration of whether a subject access request was contrary to the purposes of the legislation when made to obtain material used in foreign criminal proceedings

Employment

Christopher has experience of the full range of employment law issues, successfully defending a number of lengthy hearings. He has appeared, successfully and unled, in the EAT and the Court of Appeal.

Examples of his work in this field include:

- **Harrod v Chief Constable of West Midlands** – the high-profile test case A19 litigation concerning the compulsory retirement of hundreds of police officers in five police forces
- **Beadling & others v NAC Agency & Nissan Motor Manufacturing UK Ltd** – significant Agency Worker Regulations hearing concerning a number of terms and conditions
- **Adegbola v Marks & Spencer** – Court of Appeal decision on reliance on previous written warnings in misconduct dismissals

Information

Christopher is a leading specialist in all aspects of information law. He regularly appears in the Information Rights Tribunal in appeals under the Freedom of Information Act and the Environmental Information Regulations. He has extensive litigation and advisory experience of the Data Protection Act as well as other information governance regimes. In information law alone, Christopher has appeared at every level of the judicial system. He is a regular contributor on the area on 11KBW's leading Panopticon blog.

Examples of his work in this field include:

- **Case C-619/19 Land Baden-Wurttemberg** – CJEU reference concerning the internal communications exemption in the Environmental Information Directive
- **Maharaj v Petroleum Company of Trinidad & Tobago** – first Privy Council appeal on the Trinidad & Tobago Freedom of Information Act
- **UKIP v Information Commissioner** – first appeal to the Upper Tribunal concerning an Information Notice issued under the DPA 1998, arising in the context of the high-profile data analytics investigation
- **Department for Education v Information Commissioner & Whitmey** – appeal concerning the scope and weight of the convention of collective Ministerial responsibility under FOIA
- **Aggregate IQ v Information Commissioner** – appeal against first Enforcement Notice issued under the GDPR, subsequently withdrawn
- **Oxford Phoenix Innovation Ltd v Information Commissioner & MHRA** – appeal concerning the scope of the Tribunal to remit, vexatious requests and personal data
- **R (Good Law Project) v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union** – judicial review

seeking access to information at common law rather than via FOIA

- **Ahmed & Corderoy v Information Commissioner & Attorney General & Cabinet Office** – transferred appeal heard by the Upper Tribunal concerning the legal advice provided by the AG on lethal drone strikes against ISIL in Syria
- **Magyar Helsinki Bizottság v Hungary** – Grand Chamber decision finding, for the first time, a partial right of access to information within Article 10 ECHR
- **Keane v Information Commissioner** – Upper Tribunal consideration of the national security exemption in relation to the names of 19th century Irish informants
- **Parker v Information Commissioner** – Upper Tribunal decision addressing the effect of appellate case law on the vexatiousness exemption
- **Haslam v Information Commissioner & Bolton Council** – high-profile Upper Tribunal decision requiring the disclosure of names of councillors who had failed to pay their council tax
- **Kennedy v Charity Commission** – Supreme Court decision finding a common law right of access to information, but rejecting a right under Article 10 ECHR
- **Goldsmith International Business School v Information Commissioner** – leading Upper Tribunal authority on the approach to the personal data exemption under FOIA, adopting the principles proposed by counsel
- **UCAS v Information Commissioner & Lord Lucas** – Upper Tribunal decision on the application of FOIA to a partially designated public body

Christopher's data protection experience is set out under Media and Privacy.

Local Government

Christopher has considerable litigation and advisory experience in relation to the broad scope of local government law, ranging from community care and pensions to setting up academy schools and special educational needs.

Examples of his work in this field include:

- **R (Hackney LBC, Waltham Forest LBC) v Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government** – challenge to directions issued preventing the authorities publishing their local newsheet
- **R (Adamson) v Kirklees Council** – challenge to the appropriation of allotment land arising from the interpretation of historic records
- **R (We Love Hackney) v Hackney LBC** – challenge to Hackney's licensing policy by local businesses for non-compliance with the PSED
- **R (Harvey) v Haringey LBC & Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government** – challenge to the Local Government Pension Scheme as discriminatory against unmarried partners
- **R (Moore) v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government** – a challenge to allotment disposals and the 'exceptional circumstances' provision
- **R (Harris) v Broads Authority** – a challenge to brand the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads as a national park
- **Haslam v Information Commissioner & Bolton Council** – high-profile decision requiring the disclosure of names of councillors who had failed to pay their council tax

- **Noon v Matthews** – appeal by way of case stated by the Conservators of the River Cam concerning the power of delegation of prosecutorial decision-making
- **London Borough of Tower Hamlets v London Borough of Bromley** – the application of various historic pieces of local government legislation to determine the ownership of a Henry Moore sculpture
- **R (London Borough of Tower Hamlets) v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government** – a challenge to the imposition of external commissioners on a local authority

Professional Disciplinary & Regulatory Law

Christopher regularly acts for a wide array of regulators, including the Information Commissioner, the Gambling Commission, HM Inspectors of Constabulary and Ofqual. He has also appeared in a number of different professional disciplinary contexts, including the General Medical Council, the Solicitors Regulatory Authority and the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants.

Examples of his work in this field include:

- **Siddiqui v Information Commissioner** – appeal concerning the interpretation of the fixed penalty provisions in section 158 of the Data Protection Act 2018
- **Professional Standards Authority v General Medical Council & Hilton** – costs judgment on the liability of the GMC to the PSA for errors of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal
- **Bhurawala v Solicitors Regulation Authority** – section 44E appeal in the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal concerning client accounts breaches
- **Greene King Brewing and Retailing v Gambling Commission** – first appellate case to consider the scope of the Commission’s licensing powers
- **White v Solicitors Regulation Authority** – section 44E appeal in the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal
- **Taylor v Solicitors Regulation Authority** – section 44E appeal in the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal
- **LAD Media v Information Commissioner** – first appeal to give guidance on aggravating and mitigating factors concerning quantum of monetary penalty appeals
- **Shaikh v General Medical Council** – appeal against the erasure from the register of a doctor for a variety of impairments of her fitness to practice
- **Luxury Leisure v Gambling Commission** – important appeal concerning the regulation of gaming machines in betting shops
- **Reactiv Media v Information Commissioner** – appeal against a monetary penalty for cold-calling in which the Tribunal increased the penalty
- **R (Hollis) v ACCA** – challenge to the admissibility of a High Court judgment as evidence of misconduct

European Union

Christopher is an experienced practitioner of European Union law in relation both to domestic incorporation of EU law regimes and the impact of EU law on English public law. He has extensive experience of advising on matters related to and arising from Brexit. He has acted as sole counsel before the Court of Justice of the EU.

Examples of his work in this field include:

- **Case C-619/19 Land Baden-Württemberg** – reference concerning the internal communications exemption in the Environmental Information Directive
- **Case C-746/18 HK** – reference concerning access to retained communications data for the purposes of law enforcement
- **Case C-505/19 Bundesrepublik Deutschland** – reference concerning Interpol Red Notices, the double jeopardy principle and the Law Enforcement Data Protection Directive
- **Case C-623/17 Privacy International v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs** – significant reference concerning the scope of Article 4(2) TEU and the competence of the EU in national security matters
- **Case C-687/18 Stunt v Associated Newspapers** – intervening for the UK in a reference challenging the compatibility with Charter rights of the automatic stay mechanism in journalistic processing cases
- **Case C-311/18 Schrems II** – intervening for the UK in an important reference about compliance of standard contractual clauses with the EU Charter in the context of international data transfers
- **Re the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill** – first reference to the Supreme Court made under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998, concerning legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament to legislate for the retention of EU law after Brexit
- **R (Aire Centre) v Secretary of State for the Home Department & Metropolitan Police Commissioner** – challenge to Operation Nexus as contrary to the Citizens Directive and in breach of police powers
- **R (EU Lotto) v Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport** – Article 56 TFEU challenge to regulations prohibiting betting on the Euromillions lottery draw
- **Case C-136/17 GC v CNIL** – intervening for the UK in an important reference about the right to be forgotten in data protection law
- **Case C-207/16 Ministerio Fiscal** – intervening for the UK in a reference about the meaning of ‘serious crime’ for the purposes of retention of communications data
- **R (Miller & Dos Santos) v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union** – the Article 50 Brexit litigation about the power to withdraw from the EU
- **R (King) v Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs** – the abuse of right principle under the Common Agricultural Policy
- **Lin v Metropolitan Police Commissioner** – construction of the Data Protection Act against EU law principles and the underlying Directive

Cases

R (Liberty) v Prime Minister

[2019] EWCA Civ 1761

Junior to James Eadie QC; high-profile claim concerning the effect of, and compliance with, the European Union (Withdrawal) (No.2) Act 2019 and raising issues of case management where the same matters are before the courts of the different jurisdictions of the United Kingdom (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

R (Miller) (No.2) v Prime Minister

[2019] UKSC 41; [2019] 3 WLR 589 and [2019] EWHC 2381 (QB)

Junior to James Eadie QC; unprecedented challenge to the exercise of the prerogative power to

advise HM The Queen to prorogue Parliament, and the scope and effect of the principle of non-justiciability (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

Case C-136/17 GC v CNIL

ECLI:EU:C:2019:773

Significant reference determined by the CJEU concerning the effect of the right to be forgotten in the context of sensitive personal data available online through internet search engines, balancing privacy and free expression rights (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

R (Open Rights Group) v Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

[2019] EWHC 2562 (Admin)

Major challenge to the insertion into the Data Protection Act 2018 of a new exemption in Schedule 2 for prejudice to immigration control, as contrary to the Charter and the GDPR (instructed by the Information Commissioner)

R (ASK) v Secretary of State for the Home Department & NHS England

[2019] EWCA Civ 1239

Junior to Patrick Green QC; a significant appeal concerning the provision of mental health care in immigration removal centres and the respective legal responsibilities of different State bodies (instructed by Browne Jacobson)

R (We Love Hackney Ltd) v Hackney London Borough Council

[2019] EWHC 1007 (Admin)

Junior to Philip Kolvin QC; the leading authority on cost capping orders, public interest issues and the application of the regime to crowdfunded cases and wealthy campaign supporters (instructed by Leigh Day)

Maharaj v Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Ltd

[2019] UKPC 21

Junior to Richard Clayton QC; the first substantive consideration by the Privy Counsel of the Trinidad and Tobago Freedom of Information Act, overturning a refusal of permission to bring a judicial review for breach

R (P, G & W) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2019] UKSC 3; [2019] 2 WLR 509

Junior to James Eadie QC; a major Article 8 challenge to the legislative scheme for the disclosure of criminal conviction records, as revised following the earlier case of T (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

UKIP v Information Commissioner

[2019] UKUT 62 (AAC)

First appeal to the Upper Tribunal against an Information Notice issued under the DPA 1998, in the context of the data analytics in political campaigning investigation (instructed by the Information Commissioner)

Hudson Contract Services v Construction Industry Training Board

[2019] EWHC 45 (Admin); [2019] ICR 1001

Construction industry levy appeal worth £8 million (instructed by Fieldfisher)

BBC v Independent Office for Police Conduct

(EA/2018/0163) (First-tier Tribunal)

First appeal against an Information Notice issued by the IOPC under the Police Reform Act 2002, raising Article 10 ECHR issues where the recipient was the BBC (instructed by the IOPC)

Re the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

[2018] UKSC 64; [2019] 2 WLR 1

Junior to HM Advocate General; the first ever reference by the UK Law Officers of a Bill of the Scottish Parliament, concerning the retention of EU law in Scots law after Brexit, and constituting the most significant devolution case since AXA (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

R (MP) v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

[2018] EWHC 3392 (Admin)

Junior to Jason Coppel QC; a challenge to NHS Charging Regulations imposing upfront payment requirements, raising novel issues of consultation and Tameside and PSED grounds (instructed by Deighton Pierce Glynn)

R (AIRE Centre) v Secretary of State for the Home Department; Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis

[2018] EWCA Civ 2837; [2019] 1 WLR 3002

Junior to Jonathan Swift QC; a challenge to Operation Nexus – under which persons arrested are asked questions to establish their immigration status – as a breach of the Citizens Directive and outwith police powers (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

R (EU Lotto Ltd and others) v Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport [2018] EWHC 3111 (Admin); [2019] 1 CMLR 41

Junior to Jonathan Moffett QC; an Article 56 TFEU challenge to a ban imposed by secondary legislation on betting on the outcome of the EuroMillions lottery draw (instructed by the Gambling Commission)

R (Harvey) v Haringey LBC & Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

[2018] EWHC 2871 (Admin); [2019] ICR 1059

Junior to Julian Milford; a challenge to survivors benefits rules under the Local Government Pension Scheme as discriminatory against unmarried partners contrary to Article 14 (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

Case C-207/16 Ministero Fiscal

ECLI:EU:C:2018:78; [2019] 1 WLR 3121

Junior to Gerry Facenna QC; consideration of the restrictions on access to communications data under the e-Privacy Directive (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

R (AR) v Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police & Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2018] UKSC 47; [2018] 1 WLR 4079

Junior to Jonathan Moffett QC; an Article 8 challenge to the disclosure of rape acquittal information in an enhanced criminal records check which also raised issues of principle as to the approach to proportionality on appeal (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

Oxford Phoenix Innovation Ltd v Information Commissioner & MHRA

[2018] UKUT 192 (AAC)

Appeal under FOIA giving rise to various issues concerning the scope of the Tribunal to remit to the public authority, vexatious requests and the personal data exemption

R (QSA & others) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2018] EWHC 407 (Admin); [2018] 1 WLR 4279

Junior to Kate Gallafent QC; complex challenge to disclosures of historic convictions for prostitution offences under Article 8, Article 4 in relation to trafficking protections and Article 14 as gender discriminatory (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

R (Uber Britannia Ltd) v Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council

[2018] EWHC 757 (Admin); [2018] LLR 526

Junior to Philip Kolvin QC; a challenge to a local authority policy intended to limit the ability of Uber drivers to obtain private hire vehicle licences (instructed by DLA Piper)

R (LG) v Independent Monitor

[2017] EWHC 3327 (Admin)

An Article 8 challenge to the disclosure of information in an enhanced criminal records check revealing that the nurse applicant had been acquitted of theft from a patient (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

R (R) v National Police Chiefs' Council; Secretary of State for Justice

[2017] EWHC 2586 (Admin); [2018] 1 WLR 1651

Junior to Kate Gallaent QC; an Article 8 challenge to the provision of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act that all convictions and cautions be self-disclosed when applying for the office of police constable (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

R (Bruton) v Secretary of State for Justice

[2017] EWHC 1967 (Admin); [2017] 4 WLR 152

The first procedural fairness challenge to a decision refusing an indeterminate sentence prisoner early release on compassionate family grounds (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

R (Bucpapa) v Secretary of State for Justice

[2017] EWHC 1895 (Admin)

A rare judicial review of a refusal to repatriate a serious criminal to Albania, raising rationality and consistency challenges (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

R (Crompton) v South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner

[2017] EWHC 1349 (Admin); [2018] 1 WLR 131

Junior to Clive Sheldon QC; the first challenge to a dismissal of a chief constable by a police and crime commissioner, in the context of the Hillsborough Inquests (instructed by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary)

Greene King Brewing and Retailing Ltd v Gambling Commission

[2017] EWCA Civ 372; [2017] 1 WLR 3611

Junior to Philip Kolvin QC; the first Court of Appeal case concerning the Gambling Act 2005, involving consideration of the refusal of licence applications and the scope of the regulator's powers under the statutory scheme (instructed by the Gambling Commission)

Chief Constable of West Midlands Police v Harrod

[2017] EWCA Civ 191; [2017] IRLR 539 and [2015] IRLR 790, EAT (Langstaff P)

Junior to John Cavanagh QC; appeared for five police forces successfully overturning the ET concerning the compulsory retirement of police officers under regulation A19 of the Police Pensions Regulations 1987 and multiple claims of indirect age discrimination (instructed by Devon & Cornwall, Nottinghamshire, West Midlands, North Wales and South Wales Police)

Ittihadieh v 5-11 Cheyne Gardens RTM Co Ltd; Deer v University of Oxford

[2017] EWCA Civ 121; [2017] 3 WLR 811

Junior to Julian Milford; appeared for the Information Commissioner intervening in joined appeals determining a series of important issues under the Data Protection Act and subject access requests (instructed by the Information Commissioner's Office)

R (Miller & Dos Santos) v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union

[2017] UKSC 5; [2017] 2 WLR 583; [2017] 1 All ER 593 and [2016] EWHC 2768 (Admin); [2017] 1 All ER 158

Junior counsel for the Secretary of State in the most important and high-profile constitutional case of a generation. Heard by all 11 Justices of the Supreme Court, it considered prerogative powers, Parliamentary sovereignty, the status of EU law, the devolution legislation and the role of constitutional conventions (instructed by the Government Legal Department)

Holyoake v Candy & CPC

[2017] EWHC 52 (QB)

Junior to Timothy Pitt-Payne QC; important case on the legal professional privilege exemption under the Data Protection Act and the scope of the iniquity exception, along with search obligations for subject access requests (instructed by Grosvenor Law)

Magyar Helsinki Bizottság v Hungary

App. No. 18030/11, European Court of Human Rights, Grand Chamber

Junior to Richard Clayton QC; the Grand Chamber revisited contradictory authority to recognise, in part, a right of access to information under Article 10 ECHR (instructed by various NGO Interveners, including the Media Legal Defence Initiative, the Campaign for Freedom of Information and Article 19)

R (National Aids Trust) v NHS England

[2016] EWCA Civ 1100; (2016) 152 BMLR 1

Junior to Jonathan Swift QC; concerning the legal powers of NHS England to fund anti-retroviral drugs and the division between public health functions and non-public health functions (instructed by DAC Beachcroft)

R (Justice for Health Ltd) v Secretary of State for Health

[2016] EWHC 2338 (Admin)

Junior to Jason Coppel QC; acting for the NHS Confederation as an Interested Party in the legal challenge to the introduction of the new national contract for junior doctors (instructed by Capsticks Solicitors LLP)

Keane v Information Commissioner, Home Office and Metropolitan Police Service

[2016] UKUT 461 (AAC)

A FOIA appeal concerning access to files concerning 19th century Irish informers, withheld on the grounds of national security (instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service)

Lin v Metropolitan Police Commissioner

[2015] EWHC 2484 (QB)

Junior to Anya Proops; high-profile subject access request by the individuals suspected of murdering Hannah Witheridge and David Miller in Thailand for a Metropolitan Police report into the Thai investigation which considered the scope of the section 29 law enforcement exemption in the Data Protection Act (instructed by the Metropolitan Police Commissioner)

London Borough of Tower Hamlets v London Borough of Bromley

[2015] EWHC 1954 (Ch); [2015] LGR 622

Junior to Nigel Giffin QC; acted for Tower Hamlets in Part 8 proceedings concerning the ownership of a Henry Moore sculpture purchased by the London County Council in 1962, including the application of the tort of conversion (instructed by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets)

R (London Criminal Courts Solicitors Association) v Lord Chancellor

[2015] EWHC 295 (Admin)

Junior to Jason Coppel QC; challenge to the criminal legal aid tender process on rationality, Tameside and procurement grounds on behalf of criminal legal aid defence firms (instructed by Kingsley Napley)

Kennedy v Charity Commission

[2014] UKSC 20; [2014] 2 WLR 808

Junior to Richard Clayton QC; appeared for the Media Legal Defence Initiative and the Campaign for Freedom of Information, intervening on the application of Article 10 ECHR to a right of access to information and the interplay with FOIA (instructed by the Media Legal Defence Initiative)

Appointments

Editorial Committee member of *Public Law*

Judicial Assistant to the Justices of the Supreme Court, 2009-2010.

He has previously worked as a College Lecturer in Law at Christ Church, Oxford teaching Administrative Law, and a Constitutional Law supervisor at St Edmund's College, Cambridge.

Articles & Publications

Books:

A.W. Bradley, K.D. Ewing & C.J.S. Knight, Constitutional and Administrative Law (17th ed., 2018, Pearson)

R. Blakeley, C. Knight & S. Love, The New Tribunals Handbook (2011, Bloomsbury)

Professional)

'Procedural Rules and Consultation' in H. Fenwick (ed.), Supperstone, Goudie & Walker, Judicial Review (6th ed., 2017) (and since 5th ed.)

'Pre-Emptying Problems – Choice of Court and Choice of Law' in D. Oudkerk QC & A. Rogers (ed.s), International Employment Law (2019, LexisNexis)

Contributor to C. Lewis, Judicial Remedies in Public Law (5th ed., 2014)

Contributor to Civil Practice ('the White Book') since 2014 edition

Contributor to Tolley's Employment Handbook since 25th edition (2011)

Articles:

'Public Law in the Supreme Court 2017-2018' [2019] 24 J.R. 40 (with T. Cross)

'Clarifying the Opacity of the Duty of Transparency' [2018] P.L. 201

'Public Law in the Supreme Court 2015-2016' [2017] 22 J.R. 215 (with T. Cross)

'Public Law in the Supreme Court 2014-2015' [2016] 21 J.R. 1 (with T. Cross)

'The Rule of Law, Parliamentary Sovereignty and the Veto' (2015) 131 L.Q.R. 548

'Public Law in the Supreme Court 2013-2014' [2015] 20 J.R. 1 (with T. Cross)

'The Veto in the Court of Appeal' (2014) 130 L.Q.R. 552

'Public Law in the Supreme Court 2012-2013' [2014] 19 J.R. 9 (with T. Cross)

'The Prince of Wales and a Constitutional Aberration' (2014) 130 L.Q.R. 37

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